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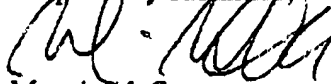
Examiner Zeman:

Further to our telephone conversation of today, Monday April 8, 2002, please find attached a copy of the amendment which was mailed to the U.S. PTO on October 8, 2002 in response to the Final Rejection in the above-identified application.

Also attached is a copy of the return receipt postcard showing the date of receipt of this amendment by the U.S. PTO as October 11, 2002 - almost six months ago.

As the five-month extension to the Notice of Appeal filed on October 8, 2002 will expire shortly - on May 8, 2002 - it is respectfully requested that applicant be advised of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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